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In addition, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention, their knowledge of plastic re-freezable ice cubes which are available for sale in retail shops. In addition, Applicant's are aware that pebbles have been placed in drinks in Scotland many years ago, however, it is not known that this has been done before in the United States.

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The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be addressed, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicants be contacted at the number listed below.

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